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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT PRIOR TO
DRAFTING CIRCULAR NOTICE TO EUR EMBASSIES, AND WOULD
APPRECIATE IF EMBASSY COULD MAKE A NEW EFFORT TO SECURE
FACILITIES THAT WOULD BE MORE ECONOMICAL THAN THE PALACE
HOTEL.

2. WE SUGGEST THAT HOUSING FOR THE PARTICIPANTS BE
HANDLED AS IT WAS AT ROME LAST YEAR, BY ASSIGNING
PARTICIPANTS TO A NUMBER OF MODERATELY-PRICED HOTELS,
SO THAT THEY WILL NOT USE UP THE LARGER PART OF THE PER
DIEM JUST ON A ROOM.

3. IN ADDITION, WE HOPE THAT A CONFERENCE ROOM CAN BE
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LOCATED THAT WILL BE LESS OF A FINANCIAL BURDEN ON EUR
THAN THE COST INDICATED IN REF (B). WE WONDER, FOR
EXAMPLE, WHETHER A CHEAPER CONFERENCE ROOM WOULD BE
AVAILABLE AT EITHER THE COLON, FLORIDA NORTE, CASTELLANA,
AGUMAR, OR LOS GALGOS, ALL IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE
EMBASSY. WE ALSO WONDER WHETHER THE EMBASSY CAN BLOCK

SMALL NUMBERS OF ROOMS AT A SERIES OF HOTELS IN THE SAME VICINITY, FROM WHICH PARTICIPANTS CAN EITHER WALK OR TAKE CABS TO THE CONFERENCE SITE.

4. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH SOME OF THE PRINCIPALS HERE WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE AND THEY ENDORSE THIS LESS EXPENSIVE APPROACH. WILL AWAIT YOUR FURTHER RESPONSE. VANCE

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